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PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 18, 2002, Applicant timely filed a Notice of Appeal and One-Month Extension of Time with the Patent Office, under Certificate of Mailing dated April 18, 2003. The due date for Appellant's Brief, with a one-month extension, is July 18, 2003.

Applicant hereby petitions for a One-Month Extension of Time, i.e., from June 18, 2003 to July 18, 2003, for the purpose of filing the enclosed Amendment C with RCE in lieu of an Appeal Brief. Form PTO-2038 authorizing a payment in the amount of \$110.00, covering the one-month extension fee, accompanies this Petition.

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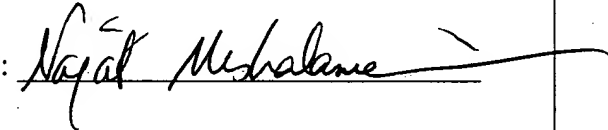
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